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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2005, applicants elect without traverse the "species" recited in claims 29 and 31 for further examination along with generic claims 24-27 and 32.

Respectfully submitted,

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